Planning and Optimization

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Exercise Sheet 4 Due: October 24, 2022

Important: for submission, consult the rules at the end of the exercise. Nonadherence to these rules might lead to a penalty in the form of a deduction of marks or, in the worst case, that your submission will not be corrected at all.

Exercise 4.1 (3+1)

Consider the planning task $\Pi = \langle V, I, O, \gamma \rangle$ with

p

$$V = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$I = \{a \mapsto \mathbf{T}, b \mapsto \mathbf{F}, c \mapsto \mathbf{F}\}$$

$$O = \{o_1, o_2\} \text{ with}$$

$$pre(o_1) = a$$

$$eff(o_1) = b \land (b \rhd c)$$

$$pre(o_2) = \neg b$$

$$eff(o_2) = a \rhd c$$

$$\gamma = c$$

- (a) Provide all clauses of the propositional formula that is used to test if Π has a plan with horizon T = 1 in the sequential encoding. Annotate each clause with its name as given in the lecture (e.g., initial state clause, operator selection clause, positive frame clause, ...).
- (b) Provide the result that is returned by a SAT solver invoked with the propositional formula from part a). Explain how to interpret the result.

Exercise 4.2 (2+1 marks)

For both parts, you do not need to show intermediate results, but partial marks may be awarded for wrong results with correct intermediate steps.

(a) Consider the following ordered BDD:



Provide the equivalent reduced ordered BDD.

(b) Provide a reduced ordered BDD for the formula

$$\varphi = (a \lor b) \to (d \lor ((c \lor d) \to (\neg a \land b)))$$

with order $a \prec b \prec c \prec d$.

Exercise 4.3 (2+1 marks)

- (a) Provide a family of unit-cost planning tasks Π_n for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ where
 - (i) Π_n has an optimal plan length of n,
 - (ii) (explicit-state) breadth-first search expands an exponential number of states, and
 - (iii) the number of nodes in the reduced ordered BDD $reached_i$ that is created by breadthfirst with progression and BDDs is linear in n.

Justify why your answer is correct, e.g., by providing the BDD $reached_i$ for $1 \le i \le n$.

Hint: A family of planning tasks that scales with a natural number n is often defined via a set of variables that depends on n (e.g., $V = \{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ or $V = \{v_1, \ldots, v_n, v'_1, \ldots, v'_n\}$ etc.) and a set of operators that depends on n (e.g. $O = \{o_1, \ldots, o_n\}$).

(b) Provide a solvable planning task Π where the parallel SAT encoding is equivalent to the sequential SAT encoding.

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